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In the South Central region, prices were slightly lower for larger sizes and 2 cents higher for mediums. In the Midwest, weekly prices were slightly lower for the larger sizes and unchanged on the balance. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged on all weights. Trade sentiment ranged steady to at times barely steady on the larger sizes and steady on mediums. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available on extra large and large while offerings of medium eggs were sufficient to balanced. Breaking stock offerings were tight to adequate for the light to fairly good demand. Light type hens were usually sufficient to at least adequate for a moderate to good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered prices were slightly lower for the large sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady for the larger sizes and steady for mediums. Retail demand was usually light to moderate, best for feature activity. Food service was mixed, usually light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for the larger sizes and adequate to balanced for medium and small. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate for the moderate to fairly good demand. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47-57	48-54	LARGE	29-38	33
LARGE	46-56	47-50	MEDIUM	7-11	9
MEDIUM	18-28	20-23	SMALL	5-7	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate entering the week. Supplies ranged sufficient to available for current trade requirements. Breaking stock supplies were adequate for the normal processing schedules. Spent hens ranged mostly sufficient to less than sufficient for the moderate to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	56-75	60-64
LARGE	50-64	55-59
MEDIUM	22-35	27-29

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were slightly lower for extra large and large and were 2 cents higher for mediums. Trade sentiment was steady to instances barely steady for the larger sizes and steady for mediums. Retail demand was light to moderate, best for feature activity. Loose egg movement was somewhat mixed, usually light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate on the larger sizes and adequate to balanced for medium. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate for the moderate to fairly good demand. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59.5-68	61-64
LARGE	55.5-64	57-60
MEDIUM	27.5-36	29-32

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. The market tone was steady beginning the week. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to available. Breaking stock supplies were adequate for a fair demand. Spent hens were generally sufficient for the moderate to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55.5-63	57-60
LARGE	54-61	55-58
MEDIUM	24.5-32	25-29

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices on all sizes were unchanged when compared to last Friday's values. Trade was generally steady entering the week. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for present trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	64-68
LARGE	62-66
MEDIUM	34-38

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	54-63	56-60
LARGE	53-62	54-56
MEDIUM	25-34	28-30

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices 2 cents lower on jumbo and extra large, 1-2 cents lower on large, and unchanged on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 3% lower than last Monday with California down 2% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 6%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings easily adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices 2 cents lower on jumbo, extra large and large, unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 2% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings fully adequate. Small benchmark price 41.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	114
EXTRA LARGE	102
LARGE	90
MEDIUM	61

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE
JUMBO	259-309		
EXTRA LARGE	219-289		
LARGE	199-229		
MEDIUM	179-199		
		NOT AVAILABLE	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending July 22, 2005 will increase by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 15, 2005 were 237,914 cases which was 5 percent below the prior week and 2 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	201,279	36,635	237,914
% change from the prior week.....	-7	+5	-5

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand moderate to fairly good. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	21-23	23
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	10-14	10-12

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least fair to moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product were generally sufficient for current needs. The undertone was steady to at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-JUL-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-16.25	12-14	13.06
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were unchanged to slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from production areas. Schedules were normal. Sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-JUL-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-16	12-13.5	12.81

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT - JUL 18, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.7	8.6	4.7	10.7	10.8	44.5
	Change	1.7	-1.9	0.4	0.4	2.1	6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.8	34.7	12.5	25.3	32.0	134.3
	Change	5.2	-3.7	-0.3	2.7	-2.9	1%
Large	Curr Wk	48.1	132.2	60.8	84.1	81.0	406.2
	Change	-0.1	-1.0	2.8	-13.3	-6.0	-4%
Medium	Curr Wk	20.3	63.9	15.4	30.1	31.5	161.2
	Change	2.6	5.4	-4.6	-2.4	1.9	2%
Small	Curr Wk	10.3	15.4	4.4	11.1	5.6	46.8
	Change	-3.2	-2.3	0.2	0.6	0.6	-8%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.1	38.6	7.1	13.1	6.3	71.2
	Change	-1.1	-4.2	-0.6	-1.8	-1.8	-12%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.5	51.4	22.1	51.5	25.9	168.4
	Change	-0.1	-7.0	0.9	17.9	-0.1	7%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	141.8	344.8	127.0	225.9	193.1	1,032.6
	Change	4%	-4%	-1%	2%	-3%	-1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1,032.6	-1%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	262.1	-6%	35
Total Shell Egg	1,294.7	-2%	210

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 04, 2005

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF JULY 04, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 15, 2005**CURRENT LOADS** 13.50**FUTURE LOADS** 8.75**TOTAL LOADS** 22.25

SE								NE								MW								LOADS								SC								NW								SW								LOADS							
CLASS		ORG		DST		ORG		DST		ORG		DST		ORG		DST		CLASS		ORG		DST		ORG		DST		ORG		DST		ORG		DST		CLASS		ORG		DST		ORG		DST		ORG		DST		LOADS													
GNR W 1		35.00		—		35.00		36.50		—		—		2.00		GNR W 1		—		—		—		—		—		—		—		—		GNR W 1		—		—		—		—		1.00																			
GL W XL		—		—		—		—		39.98		—		4.75		GL W XL		—		48.00		—		—		—		—		51.09		4.75		GL W XL		—		48.00		—		—		51.09		4.75																	
GL W LG		—		—		—		—		32.39		—		4.75		GL W LG		—		—		—		—		—		—		42.00		4.75		GL W LG		—		—		—		—		42.00		4.75																	
GL W MD		—		—		17.00		18.50		14.00		17.00		2.00		GL BR LG		—		—		—		—		—		—		—		.75		GL BR LG		—		—		—		—		.75																			
GL W SM		—		—		13.00		15.00		—		—		2.00		NRBS - 39		13.00		14.00		—		—		—		—		—		1.00		NRBS - 39		13.00		14.00		—		—		—		1.00																	
NRBS - 48		—		—		—		—		—		—		1.00																																																	
NRBS - 45		—		—		24.50		26.75		—		—		1.00																																																	

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/11/05-07/15/05**CURRENT LOADS** 57.25**FUTURE LOADS** 35.25**TOTAL LOADS** 92.50

SE			NE		MW				SC		NW		SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	35.33	—	35.58	37.46	—	—	13.00	GNR W 1	—	38.00	—	—	—	48.50	4.00	
GNR W 2	—	—	35.00	36.50	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	40.00	45.91	—	56.00	—	52.05	16.25	
GL W J	—	—	61.00	62.00	—	57.00	2.00	GL W LG	36.00	44.33	—	56.90	—	43.89	28.00	
GL W XL	—	48.67	51.33	51.84	40.47	43.43	31.50	GL W MD	—	20.67	—	—	—	—	2.50	
GL W LG	—	48.50	43.38	44.17	44.66	41.23	32.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.75	
GL W MD	21.00	—	15.50	17.25	14.00	17.00	6.75	NRBS - 39	13.00	14.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GL W SM	18.75	21.50	13.50	16.00	—	—	8.00									
GL BR LG	—	40.50	—	—	—	—	2.00									
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	26.00	—	23.00	7.00									
NRBS - 45	—	—	24.50	26.75	—	—	1.00									
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	22.75	15.00	—	2.00									

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	07/11/05	07/04/05	07/12/04
PACIFIC COAST	239	268	364
LOS ANGELES	233	262	215

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is moderate.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	78.63
LARGE	71.63
MEDIUM	42.63
SMALL	35.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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